

1 Rule 74. Withdrawal of counsel.

2 (a) ~~If a motion is not pending and a certificate of readiness for trial has not been~~
3 ~~filed, an~~ An attorney may withdraw from the case by filing with the court and serving on
4 all parties a notice of withdrawal. The notice of withdrawal shall include the address of
5 the attorney's client and a statement that no motion is pending and ~~no certificate of~~
6 ~~readiness for trial has been filed~~ no hearing or trial has been set. If a motion is pending
7 or a ~~certificate of readiness for trial has been filed~~ hearing or trial has been set, an
8 attorney may not withdraw except upon motion and order of the court. The motion to
9 withdraw shall describe the nature of any pending motion and the date and purpose of
10 any scheduled hearing or trial.

11 (b) If an attorney withdraws, dies, is suspended from the practice of law, is
12 disbarred, or is removed from the case by the court, the opposing party shall serve a
13 Notice to Appear or Appoint Counsel on the unrepresented party, informing the party of
14 the responsibility to appear personally or appoint counsel. A copy of the Notice to
15 Appear or Appoint Counsel must be filed with the court. No further proceedings shall be
16 held in the case until 20 days after filing the Notice to Appear or Appoint Counsel unless
17 the unrepresented party waives the time requirement or unless otherwise ordered by
18 the court.

19 (c) Substitution of counsel. An attorney may replace the counsel of record by filing
20 and serving a notice of substitution of counsel signed by former counsel, new counsel
21 and the client. Court approval is not required if new counsel certifies in the notice of
22 substitution that counsel will comply with the existing hearing schedule and deadlines.

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